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Detailed Action

This action is in response to the application filed on 12/26/2001.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for prior priority date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/258,908 filed on 12/26/2000.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rivera (US Patent 5,686,713).

Re claim 1: Rivera discloses:

A method for conducting a financial transaction (see Rivera, Abstract), comprising:

Providing a cash acceptance device at a point of presence (see Rivera, Figure 1)

Communicating an amount of cash received for a selected transaction to a server geographically distinct from the point of presence and (see Rivera, Figure 2, Item 28)

Executing the selected transactions if the amount received is greater than or equal to the amount required for the selected transactions (see Rivera, Figure 2, Item 32, 34 or 18)

Re claim 2: Rivera discloses:

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Step of validating deposited cash (see Rivera, Figure 4 "count cash")

Re claim 3: Rivera discloses:

Cash = government issued paper money or coin (see Rivera, Abstract)

Re claim 4: Rivera discloses:

Cash = check and a money order (see Rivera, Paragraph 16, list line)

Re claim 5: Rivera discloses:

Selected transaction is for the purchase of a good (see Rivera, Paragraph 15, line

14)

Re claim 6: Rivera discloses:

Selected transaction is for the purchase of a good (see Rivera, Paragraph 15, line 14)

Re claim 7: Rivera discloses:

The step of providing an activation code to the depositor if the amount received is greater than or equal to the amount required for the selected transaction, wherein the activation code permits the depositor to enable a good or activate a service that is the subject matter of the transaction. (see Rivera, Figure 4, "verification")

Re claim 8: Rivera discloses:

An apparatus for conducting e-commerce transactions (see Rivera, Abstract) comprises:

A cash acceptor – validates and tallies received cash (see Rivera, Figure 1)

A processor coupled to communicate the amount of the cash received to a geographically distinct server for application to a selected transaction (see Rivera,

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Figure 2, item 28) — the processor generates a receipt (see Rivera, Figure 4, "print & dispense receipt")

Re claim 9: Rivera discloses:

A printer for printing the receipt (see Rivera, Figure 4, "print & dispense receipt")

Re claim 10: Rivera discloses:

A display having a graphical user interface for interactive identification of the selected transaction (see Rivera, Figure 1 & Figure 4, "verification")

Re claim 11: Rivera discloses:

The processor coupled to the geographically distinct server by Internet

The examiner claims Official Notice that one of ordinary skill in art at the time of
the invention would know that you could use the internet as a network server.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Bator et al., U.S. Patent No 6,575,362, discloses money order kiosk.

Stoutenburg et al., U.S. Patent 6,488,203, teaches performing money order transactions.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kirsten S. Apple whose telephone number is 571.272.5588. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sam Sough can be reached on 571.272.6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-6126.

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